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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
AKIHITO SHIZUNO ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION:
(Based on PCT/JP01/00976)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: BULKY SHEET AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 18, lines 24-31, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph.

A 100 mm long and 15 mm wide specimen was cut out of the bulky sheet along the direction perpendicular to the fiber orientation direction. The length of the specimen La (mm) in the longitudinal direction thereof was measured. Then, a weight weighing 500 g was put on the entire area of the specimen. After 5 minutes later, the weight was removed and the length of the specimen Lb (mm) in the longitudinal direction thereof was again measured. The bending ratio (%) is calculated from $(Lb-La)/La \times 100$. In case where the

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